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SURVEY OF CONTENTS OF DEFA FILMS FROM 1946 TO 1952

the contents of DEFA (Deutsche Film Aktiengesellschaft -- German Film Corporation) films released between the last quarter of 1946 and the third quarter of 1952,

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during the time period it covers the DEFA released 50 films, of which 7 were later recalled.

a very definite pattern, indicating the increased employment of films for propaganda purposes, is apparent from these statistics. For example, 53 percent of all films made between 1946 and 1949 were for entertainment and only 47 percent were definitely slanted and of a political nature, whereas between 1950 and 1952, 71 percent of the films made were political and only 29 percent were intended wholly or mainly for entertainment.

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Of the 7 films recalled during the period five were purely entertainment films, one was the unsuccessful filming of "Wozzek", and the last one was an adaptation of a book by Arnold Zweig which was criticized because it did not sufficiently stress the revolutionary role of the working class.

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